Sir, under Standing Order 9, the first hour of every sitting shall be available for the answering of questions. One hour has now passed and I solicit a ruling as to whether we may go on with the questions.

PRESIDENT: How many questions more are there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Ten more questions remain.

PRESIDENT: Let them also be over.

Patents obtained by Travancoreans.

137. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of patents obtained by Travancoreans since the passing of the Patents and Designs Regulation, with a description of the nature and uses of each Patent?

(2) Have the Government given any aid to the inventors of any of these Patents to enable them to popularise the same?

(3) If not, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of doing so?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) A statement* containing the information asked for by the member is laid on the table.

(2) and (3) None, except one, the grantee of Patent No. 25 of 1096, applied for any aid. The Government have allowed adequate facilities for popularising the invention in this one case. There are also the industrial loans which it is open to the patentees to avail themselves of subject to the rules regulating their grant.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do the Government know why only one patentee has applied for any aid?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The patentees themselves have to be asked why they did not apply.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Have the Government any information as to the reason for it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): According to the rules, cannot a patentee apply for loans?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No mention of patentees has been specifically made in the rules.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do the Government think that the reason may be because they did not know that they can apply for loans?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Loans are granted for the purposes specifically mentioned in the rules.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do the Government think that these purposes include loans to patentees also?

* *Vide* Appendix X—page 358.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Some of them may apply to such loans.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make the rules plainer so that the patentees may know that they have got facilities for such loans?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government do not see the need for it.

Stringency of the Money Market and Issue of Commercial Loans.

138. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that

(i) the money market has been tight throughout the State for over three years past; and

(ii) trade has not been prosperous throughout the State even a single week during the three years 1098-1100; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government to encourage trade?

(2) With a view to ease the present stringency of the money market and develop commerce and trade, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of issuing commercial loans, on the same lines as agricultural and industrial loans are granted?

MR. K N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) (i) and (ii) The weekly season reports of the years 1098-1100 state that the money market had been tight and trade dull, to some extent, at different centres and at different periods during the years referred to; but the value of trade on the whole shows an increase from year to year.

(1) (*b*) and (2) Stringency of the money market and dullness of trade depend upon world causes. There is now no such stringency or general trade depression in the State. A bank known as the State Aided Bank of Travancore, Limited, has been registered with certain aids and concessions from the Government and the bank is expected to commence work within a short period. The issue of commercial loans forms part of the regular functions of a bank and, as such, the Government do not consider it advisable to issue such loans.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part 1 (*a*) of the question, will the Financial Secretary be pleased to state whether he perused the season report in the last week's *Gazette*?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes, I have perused it.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from him whether it is stated there that the money market is tight and trade dull?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): There are various reports saying that on various dates the money market at particular centres is tight or otherwise. What is stated in the answer is a fact.

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Appendix X.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 137.**

List of Patents Registered by Travancoreans since the passing of the Patents and Designs Regulation.

No. of Patents.	Patentees.	Title of Invention.
2 of 1093	Messrs. John Kuriyan, Executive Engineer, Nagercoil, and Louis John Moreira, Superintendent of the Residency, Trivandrum.	An apparatus for extracting the meal from tapioca and other tubers and granulating the meal.
2 of 1094	Messrs. M. P. Lazar, Nidiry House, Alleppey, and K M. Matthew, Clerk, Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield, Ltd ; Alleppey.	The Forcing Centrifugal Pump.
5 of 1095	Mr. S. Krishnan, Sri Krishna Vilasam Industrial Institute, Quilon.	Aloe Matting *alias* aloe Canvas.
6 of 1095	Do.	Aloe Brief-bag.
22 of 1096	Mr. P. Satyanesan, B. A., Retired First Class Magistrate of Kottar, residing at Nagercoil.	The Manufacture of match boxes from the sheathing peteoles of all species of the plantain (*mausa paradisiaca*) plants.
23 of 1096	Do.	The manufacture of matches (match splints) from the leaf stalk of the cocoanut tree (*coconucifera*).
25 of 1096	Mr. Sankaran Pandalai, Typist, Records Section, Huzur Cutcherry.	Visible Malayalam Typewriter.
4 of 1098	Mr. Panachikal John Kurien, Mycologist, Puttanangady, Velloor kara, Kottayam taluk, Kottayam District.	Soil Sterilizer.
21 of 1098	Do.	Obat Pokoe. Destructive of fungii and other insect pests.
1 of 1099	Mr. Abraham Kuriyan of Kuzhiyil House, Elantoor Desom, Pattanamtitta taluk,	The Rapid Tapioca Slicer
7 of 1100	Mr. Panachikal John Kuriyan, Agricultural Demonstrator, Puttanangadi, Kottayam.	Amphibian Tractor Plough.
3 of 1101	Mr. P. Idicheria, Trivandrum.	Direction Indicator for Automobiles.

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